S. 1132

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 9 (legislative day, JULY 10), 1995

Mr. Faircloth (for himself, Mr. Frist, Mr. Bennett, and Mr. Shelby) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Fair Housing Reform
- 5 and Freedom of Speech Act of 1995."
- 6 SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING ACT.
- 7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The first sentence of section
- 8 807(b)(1) of the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3607(b)(1))
- 9 is amended by inserting before the period the following:
- 10 ", including any restriction relating to the maximum num-
- 11 ber of unrelated persons permitted to occupy a dwelling,

- 1 if the purpose of the restriction is to restrict land use to
- 2 single family dwellings".
- 3 (b) Protection of Certain Activities.—Title I
- 4 of the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.) is
- 5 amended by adding at the end the following new section:
- 6 "SEC. 821. PROTECTION OF CERTAIN ACTIVITIES.
- 7 "Nothing in this Act shall be construed to apply to
- 8 any otherwise lawful activity engaged in by one or more
- 9 persons, including the filing or maintaining of a legal ac-
- 10 tion, that is engaged in solely for the purpose of—
- "(1) achieving or preventing action by a govern-
- mental entity or official; or
- 13 "(2) receiving an interpretation of any provision
- of this Act in a court of competent jurisdiction.".

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